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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



R E P O R T
for the Year 1960
of the Medical Officer of Health
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GUISBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the annual report for the year 1960.

The Medical Officer of Health during 1960 was Dr. P. Brodbin who resigned from the appointment early in 1961.

During the year 38 cases of Infectious Diseases were noted and Measles once again accounted for the bulk of these notifications. However, even though the figures were down, it is worth noting that there were 6 new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis within the Urban District. Tuberculosis, once known as "The White Scourge" and "The Chief of the Army of the Captains of Death" is now a curable disease, if diagnosed in time, and it is heartening to note that the Mass Radiography Unit visits the Guisborough district annually and that the population have responded very well to the photographer's invitation to have their pictures taken.

Dwelling on morbid statistics, there were 137 deaths in the district and diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for the majority of these, with cancer a close second. Here I would like to point out that no deaths were caused by Tuberculosis.

280 births were registered in the Urban District. This total gave a rate of 23.8 per thousand population which is well above the rate of 17.1 per thousand for England and Wales.

Attendances at clinics continued to show a rising trend and the public still availed themselves of the facilities offered.

In conclusion I recall with pleasure the courteous and kindly attitude of the public towards me since I entered their service in Guisborough. I would like to say "thank you" to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee; to Mr. Beel, Clerk of the Council; to Mr. Pallister, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and to Mr. Ward, Additional Public Health Inspector, for their help and co-operation. I would also like to acknowledge the great help and hard work of Mr. Nuttall and Miss Fox in the District Health Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1962.

TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.		Dr. P. Brodbin	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward		Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Guisborough Area.

Miss H. M. Bell	Health Visitor/School Nurse
Mrs. R. E. Alderson	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss M. U. Clegg	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. F. E. Potter	District Nurse (Part-time)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk Typist.

SECTION 1.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1960 is 11,040, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1959 of 10,280.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres 18,948
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 3,735
3. Rateable Value £260,131
4. Sum represented by a penny rate £1,124

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	154	126	280
Legitimate	....	147	122	269
Illegitimate	....	7	4	11
Still Births	....	5	4	9
Legitimate	....	5	4	9
Illegitimate	....	—	—	—

The number of births registered is 280, giving the birth rate of 25.3 per 1,000 population. Allowing for the differing age and sex distribution of the population in different areas, the birth rate corrected by this comparability factor is 23.8 compared with the Registrar-General's provisional rate of 17.1 for England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

		MALE	FEMALE
Total	....	3	2
Legitimate	....	3	2
Illegitimate	....	—	—

5 infants under the age of 1 year died, giving an infant mortality of 17.8 per thousand live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.9.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

		MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	—	—
Syphilitic disease	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infections	....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	....	—	—
Measles	....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	....	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	....	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	....	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	4	8
Leukaemia	....	—	1
Diabetes	....	—	2
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	....	10	18
Coronary Disease, Angina	....	10	2
Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	3	2
Other Heart Diseases	....	13	18
Other Circulatory Diseases	....	4	1
Influenza	....	1	—
Pneumonia	....	2	2
Bronchitis	....	3	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	2	1
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	2	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	—	—
Congenital malformations	....	1	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	4	10
Motor vehicle accidents	....	2	—
All other accidents	....	—	1
Homicide and operations of war	....	1	1
ALL CAUSES	....	66	71

The deaths are classified under the headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. The 137 deaths give a death rate of 13.3 per thousand of population as compared to 11.5 per thousand for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1960
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	23	1	3	—	2	7	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases except tuberculosis and Table 5 that of tuberculosis.

TABLE 5
Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS	RESPIRATORY FORM		NON-RESPIRATORY FORM	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 to 4	—	—	—	—
5 to 9	—	—	—	—
10 to 14	—	—	—	—
15 to 19	—	—	—	—
20 to 24	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	—	1	—	—
45 to 54	—	—	—	—
55 to 64	—	4	—	—
65 to 74	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	5	1	—	—

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred in 1960.

TABLE 6
Immunisation and Vaccination

Diphtheria Immunisation

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	158	56	27	241
Reinforcing doses	—	19	145	164

Whooping Cough Immunisation

	0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	119	1	120

Combined Whooping Cough and Diphtheria Immunisation

	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	29	9	—	38

Immunisation and Vaccination—*continued*

Smallpox	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION
	48	8

Vaccination is available from the family doctor and at the Clinic in Guisborough.

Poliomyelitis	PRIMARY	REINFORCING
	591	1243

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Guisborough Area Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 321).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

It has been possible to avoid advising the Local Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to the procedure laid down in these Acts.

SECTION II

Water Supplies

With the exception of some outlying farms, water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. A new scheme to supply 24 houses at Mount Pleasant was completed during the year. The following table summarises the position:—

Number of dwellings supplied by Public Supply:—

(a) Direct to houses	....	....	....	....	3,654
(b) By means of standpipes	....	....	....	....	Nil
(c) Number of dwellings receiving water from various private sources	....	....	....	....	23

Water Samples

TEES VALLEY AND CLEVELAND WATER BOARD

Number of samples taken and submitted for Bacteriological Examination 7

AREA	NO. OF SAMPLES	RESULT
Guisborough	7	Satisfactory

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice-cream

There are 33 premises registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice-cream. These were inspected regularly.

Food Poisoning

No outbreak of food poisoning has been reported.

Bakehouses

There are 2 bakehouses. 9 inspections and visits were made and no defects found.

Fish and Chip Shops

There are eight. 21 inspections were made.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Informal action was taken on several occasions, the requirements asked for being provided.

Food Retail Premises and Meat Inspections

69 visits were made to food premises and 260 to slaughter houses, of which there are 5 licensed; 7 premises are licensed under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the making of sausages, etc.

66 pounds of meat were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption and 79 tins of canned food weighing 198 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds.

TABLE 7

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	489	50	75	2103	710	None
Number inspected	300	19	41	777	210	None
All diseases except Tuber- & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci ....	.003%	—	—	—	.004%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

There are 5 licensed slaughterhouses in the Area, and 10 licensed slaughtermen.

HOUSING

Slum Clearance

The Council's slum clearance programme has continued during the year, a total of 26 properties being dealt with under the provisions of Sections 16 & 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Housing Statistics

New houses erected in 1959

(a) By private owners	...	...	134
(b) By the Council	...	...	129

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	101
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	225
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) (above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	—
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	—
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			26
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	75

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	64
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957			
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	....	....	—
(a) By Owners	....	....	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	—
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts			
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	—
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	....	....	—
(a) By Owners	....	....	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	—

Housing Statistics—*continued*

C.	Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	....	24
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	....	....	....	22
D.	Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	....	....	....	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	—
4.	<i>Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>				
(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	....	....	Not known	
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	....	....	Nil	

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

(1)	(a) Number of Improvement Grants made	....	....	15
	(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	....	....	0
(2)	(b) Number of applications for Standard Grants	....	....	21
	(b) Number of applications for Standard Grants refused	....	....	0

Rent Act 1957. Application for Certificates of Disrepair.

1. (a)	Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	....	....	Nil
(b)	Number of Decisions to issue Certificates			
(1)	in respect of some but not all defects	....	....	Nil
(2)	in respect of all defects	....	....	Nil
(c)	Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of First Schedule	....	....	Nil
(d)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	....	....	Nil
(e)	Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	....	Nil

Application for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair

2. (a)	Applications by Landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificate	....	....	....	....	Nil
(b)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate	....	....	....	....	Nil
(c)	Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection	....	....	....	....	Nil
(d)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	....	....	....	....	Nil

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	466
Nuisances found	466
Nuisances in hand previous year	15
Total needing abating	481
Abated during the year	474
Outstanding at end of year	7
Notices served—Informal 226, Complied with 201	
Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.	

Drainage and Sewerage

With the exception of outlying farms and villages, the District is served by public sewers discharging into various sewage disposal works, with the sewers of the Wilton parish discharging into the sewers of Eston Urban District Council.

A branch sewer to serve South Lackenby was commenced and completed during the year.

Normal extensions to the sewerage system in the District has taken place in connection with both private and council house development. The proposed extension of the Guisborough Sewage Disposal Works prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs D. Balfour & Sons, has received Ministry approval but full details are still awaited.

516 inspections were made to old and new drainage systems, 454 tests being made to new sewers and drainage systems.

260 choked drainage systems and sewers were cleared during the year.

Closet Accommodation

13 Sanitary pan closets were converted to water closets under Improvement Schemes.

The whole of Guisborough is now on the water carriage system.

24 houses at Mount Pleasant, Guisborough require conversion, this work being delayed owing to lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities. Several properties in Yearby Village together with the whole of Upleatham Village also require conversion, again the work being delayed owing to the lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities. Although the branch sewer to serve South Lackenby has been completed, the conversion of approximately 43 houses and farms in South Lackenby cannot be proceeded with until the completion of Eston U.D.C.'s main trunk sewer.

264 water closets were provided for new buildings in Guisborough during the year.

1 new water closet was added to the existing sewerage system in Yearby.

12 new water closets were added to the existing sewerage system in Wilton.

Public Cleansing (Refuse and Disposal)

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the District. Refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping.

Smoke Abatement

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's sewers were treated twice in accordance with the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Routine surveys have been carried out in connection with farms, business premises, dwelling-houses, etc. and at the year end 46 houses, and 10 other premises, including business premises, had been treated. The poison used has been 'Warfarin' which gives very good results and is used to deal with almost every infestation.

Caravan Sites

There is one licensed site. This was inspected on 2 occasions.

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)

69 visits were paid under the above Act. No unsatisfactory conditions were found.

Mortuaries

One at the Admiral Chaloner Hospital.

Byelaws in force in the District

Byelaws in respect of cleansing of footpaths and pavements; nuisances; common lodging houses and slaughterhouses; 24th July, 1893.

Byelaw with respect to tents, vans and sheds: 16th November, 1917.

Byelaws in respect of new streets and buildings: 27th April, 1925.

Building Byelaws: 10th March, 1939.

Byelaws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools: 18th October, 1946.

Byelaws in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the open air: 10th July, 1950.

Byelaws in respect of Smoke Pollution: 1st August, 1957.

Building Byelaws (Thermal Insulation), 1960.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

The following figures have been returned to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service, regarding factories in the district.

TABLE 8

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	23	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	61	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	57	84	—	—

